of another 1500 new Fast Track Courts at the Magisterial Level. However, the 12th Finance Commission has not made any recommendations in this regard.

Deployment of Para-military Forces inside the Polling Booth

2721. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Election Commission has been asked by the apex Court to deploy paramilitary personnel and install cameras inside the booth;

(b) if so, whether election Commission had act accordingly in all the 3 States, Bihar, Haryana and Jharkhand; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Election Commission of India has informed that in deference to the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the judgement delivered in Civil Appeal No. 9228 of 2003 (Janak singh *vs.* Ram Das Rai and Others) on 11.01.2005, the Commission directed that the videography of poll proceedings may be carried out inside the polling stations and that one of the Central Para Military Forces (CPMF) personnel be stationed at the entrance of these polling stations where CPMF is deployed, in such a manner that he can have an unrestricted view of the polling procedure in the polling stations. Considering the practical difficulties in covering all polling stations, it was decided that such videography may be done in only those polling stations where Observers consider necessary. The Commission further directed that while doing videography inside the polling station care should be taken to ensure that the same does not violate the secrecy of vote. These directions were implemented in the three States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Haryana.

(c) Does not arise.